

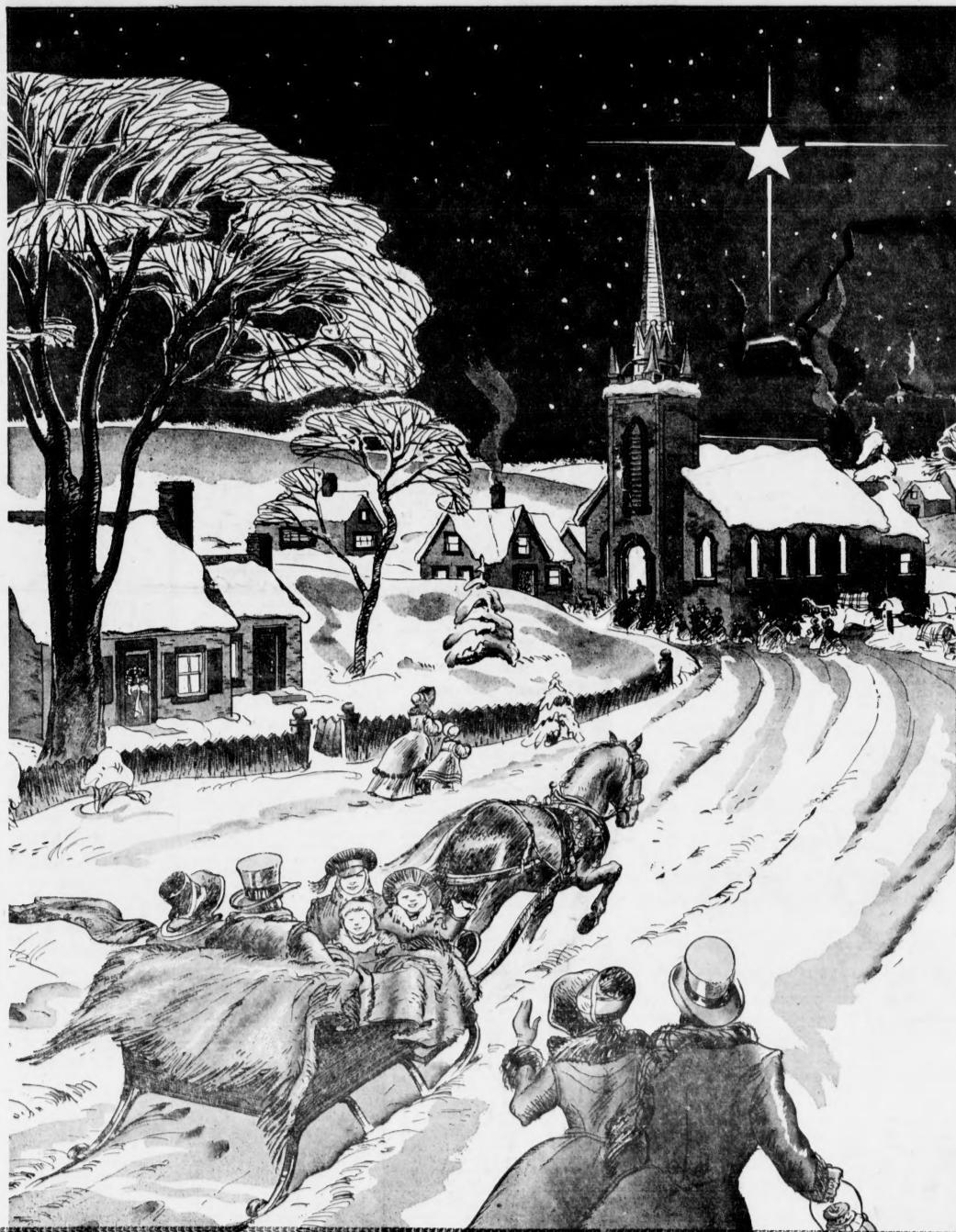
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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Skagway-Whitehorse Railway World's Toughest To Run

By JACK BIRD

(Last of a series
on the Northland)

It was early in the morning, and quite dark, I remembered, when I first saw the town of Wrangell, on Wrangell Island.

The mountains all around—for I was taking the Inside Passage—were a blue-black with white peaks and ridges. The whole top line of those ridges had stood out sharp and clear against a light blue sky that was full of stars.

I recalled how cold and silent it had looked up there on those mountain tops of ice and snow, and there was a feeling of endless time about it all. Along the shore there had been the sound of many birds. Although it was mid-November, it seemed like spring to hear the continual twittering and chirping of bird life.

GREAT COUNTRY

Alaska means "Great Country," and that is just what it is—a great country—and the last American frontier! The capital is Juneau. Coming up on it at night from the sea, it is a mass of yellow lights that at a distance seem to twinkle.

This town of 7,500 is built along the narrow shore-line and sides of a mountain. On the steep flanks of the mountain, at one end of the town, is a big gold mine, all lit up, with heaps of rock and dirt right down to the water's edge.

Skagway is at the north end of the Lynn Canal. As the ship draws up to the dock you notice on your right that the whole face of the high gray cliff is one mass of ship's names, and dates, crests and house flags. They are all painted in colors, and are expertly done. It is called a ship's register.

Skagway today is only a ghost of its former self. In its heyday, when the '90s were going over White Pass to the Klondike, there were some 10,000 people in Skagway, and they had 90 saloons. Today there are only 650 people and two saloons—or cocktail bars, as they are really called.

PACK TRAIN INN

As you walk through the town you see on every hand the old

buildings of the days of '98 all boarded up, and sadly in need of paint—if they ever were painted in the first place, which looks doubtful. The old original saloon, called "The Pack Train Inn," still stands and is still in use.

I went in and had a look at its bar. But all the trappings of former times are gone, although one may see them, as I did, in the private museum of one of the two hotels. Both these hotels are run by the same woman. In this bar of the Pack Train, Robert W. Service had drunk, and Frank G. O. C., one-time heavyweight champion wrestler of the world, and Tex Rickard, the promoter, and other notables.

COST MILLIONS

From Skagway I took the train to Whitehorse, 110 miles away. Because so much of this roadbed was carved and blasted out of the solid rock of the sides of the mountains, it cost approximately ten million dollars to build it. Finished in 1900, it is called the longest railroad in the world to operate.

It is wild and rugged, this pass, and three engines pulled our 12 cars over the nearly 2,900-foot hump, with its Dead Horse Gulch down below. Although it was warm and raining at Skagway, there was snow on the ground up at the pass and more was coming down.

Our train travelled along the whole shore-line of Lake Bennett, which is a 27-mile-long body of pale green water that lies between two rows of brown mountains that slope back from its edge. Half this lake is in northern British Columbia, the other half is in the Yukon.

Lake Bennett today is a scene of quiet grandeur and beauty, but the days of '98 it was a huge industry. As many as 5,000 men were there in tents for here it was that the stampedeers, having crossed the pass, built their boats and rafts and scows to take them the rest of the way by water to the Klondike.

ONLY A CHURCH LEFT

Today the only thing standing of those former times is the little Presbyterian church. It is only a shell of a building, with log

slabs nailed to its frame-work. I don't think there ever was a wooden floor in it, for the floor is all sand; no platform up front and no pulpit and no inside wall, just the bare ribs of the frame. The skin of some animal hangs on one wall, and some old dog harness and long dog sleds and several beds clutter up the place.

I remember wondering, as I stood there in its one main room, how many of the stampedeers in their mad rush for the gold fields, ever stopped long enough to worship here.

(The end)

Pine Cone & Legend

Once upon a time—according to Harz mountain legend—a poor miner's wife was gathering pine cones in the forest. It was just before Christmas, her husband was ill, and there was no money in the house for food. So, she gathered the cones and sold them to the villagers for kindling—obtaining enough for the day's necessities.

One morning while she was looking for cones, a little imp jumped out of a huge fir tree.

"Here, here are the biggest, driest cones of all! Take these," he shrieked, jumping up and down excitedly.

Suddenly, there was such a shower of cones that the poor woman was frightened. She tried to run away, but could not move until the little imp had filled her basket. And, having started home, the basket grew heavier and heavier, she wished the imp hadn't disappeared, he might have helped her.

When she finally reached her hut, she called the children to help carry the basket inside. Emptying the basket, they found that every cone was made of solid silver.

Commemorating these legendary silver cones, gilded pine cones are sold in modern stores, to decorate our homes—to burn and crackle brightly in our Christmas tree.

Pagan Rites Basis Of Many Customs

Strange, as it may seem, most American Christmas customs stem largely from Pagan rites practiced long before the birth of Christ.

The custom of exchanging gifts is one of the few that spring from the Christian era. Christmas candles, bonfires and Yule logs arise from the heathen festivals observing the winter solstice, December 21, when the days begin to lengthen. That is the great rejoicing for ancient sun worshippers who built bonfires to give strength to the "winter sun-god."

Pre-Christian Romans ornamented their homes with green boughs and flowers for the Feast of Saturnalia which began December 19. Druids gathered mistletoe for that season, while ancient Saxons used holly, ivy and bay. Modern mistletoe and holly wreaths come from those people.

Christmas trees, too, spring from the ancient German days when Germanic tribes made sacrifices to the sacred oak tree of Odin. When the missionary St. Boniface traveled to Germany in the Eighth Century and saw these celebrations he persuaded the natives to substitute a fir tree for the oak, and to burn it in a tribute to the Christian God.

During the Middle Ages the entire Christmas season was celebrated in equal fervor with that now shown on Christmas day. In some lands the celebration lasted from December 24 to January 6—Twelfth Night—and in others from December 21 to February 2. By the year 1644, Christmas in England had become such a wild orgy that the Puritans forbade its celebration by law.

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Wallis' 'September' Rolls at Paramount

HOLLYWOOD. — Hal Wallis recently put "September," his 18th production for Paramount, before the camera with a cast headed by Joan Fontaine and Joseph Cotten under direction of William Dieterle.

Exteriors for the romantic drama were filmed in Italy with Fontaine and Cotten appearing in sequences filmed in Rome, Naples, Florence, at the ruins of Pompeii and on the Isle of Capri.

Françoise Rosay, the noted French character actress, who scored heavily in the English production of Somerset Maugham's "Quarett," reports to Wallis this week for the start of her role.

Tons of Offspring

CLINTON, ILL. — Harold Morris boasts of woning one of the "busiest" sows in these parts. The sow gave birth to a record litter of 19 pigs. Six months later she presented another litter, this time totaling 16 pigs. At the age of six months the 10-pig litter weighed in at 4046 pounds.

A Proud Record

ALBERDINE, Wis. — W. G. Pough joined the First Baptist Church here when he was 14. He is now 77, but his record of religious service totals 166 years. He's been a church member for 63 years, a deacon for 34, a trustee for 23, treasurer for 23, clerk for 21, and Sunday School superintendent for two.



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Christmas Carol

The Christ-child lay on Mary's lap. His hair was like a light. (O weary, weary were the world, But here is all right.)

The Christ-child lay on Mary's breast. His hair was like a star. (O stern and cunning are the kings, But here the true hearts are.)

The Christ-child lay on Mary's heart. His hair was like a fire. (O weary, weary is the world, But here the world's desire.)

The Christ-child stood at Mary's knee. His hair was like a crown. And all the flowers looked up at Him. And all the stars looked down.

—G. K. Chesterton.

Magi Were Priests Of Persian Religion

Along about this time of the year there's a lot written, said and sung about the Magi. Just who were the Magi?

The Magi were priests of an ancient Persian religion called Zoroastrianism. The Greek historian Herodotus gives a very favorable account of them and their influence in a society which existed four hundred years before Christ's birth.

According to Herodotus the Magi were powerful in public and private affairs. They conducted the education of the young princes, and were in constant attendance upon the king as counselors.

This description of a Magi appears in the sacred writing of Zoroaster. The story about the Magi priest, who sits the whole night over and yearns for holy wisdom that enables man to stand upon death's bridge fearless and with happy heart, the wisdom whereby he attains the holy and glorious world of paradise."

The three Magi, or Wise Men, who found the Star of Bethlehem and brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh to the Christ child remain nameless, but they were the first to recognize the importance of the birth of the Prince of Peace.

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ALL FUSELAGE AND NO WINGS



—Central Press-Globe

They look like any other chickens, except that they are almost all fuselage and no wings. A Des Moines, Iowa, breeder developed the new strain of chickens after 12 years of breeding. The chickens are born without wings or with wings stunted. They will be shown in the National Farm show in Chicago this month.

Healthful Ventilation

In every office and workshop warmth, moisture and used-up air . . . not to mention dust and tobacco smoke . . . are being given off all the time by the occupants. Unless the air is kept moving it becomes stagnant and oppressive and good, accurate work becomes difficult. Good ventilation is essential to the health of workers. A well ventilated workshop soon pays for itself in increased production.

Fun And Games

Children need plenty of freedom for open-air games and sports. They need to run, jump, skip and climb if their bodies are to develop healthfully and their minds to mature normally.

Not Dead, Just Hungry

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — "I'll never live to bat back to Evansville," said a note found on a road near Worthington, Ind. The name of Mrs. Allana Griffith of Evansville was found on a scrap of paper near by.

Mrs. Griffith, awakened at her home by apprehensive officers, explained that she had written the note to a friend at a convention at Indianapolis when it ran past lunch time and she was becoming famished.

Then, motoring home, she had decided to clean out her purse along the highway.

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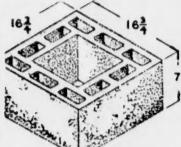
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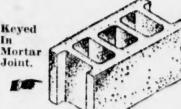
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THE little gift shop was crowded when Nancy entered it, but almost immediately she noticed Larry Bryan. She sensed the usual disturbance at gift counters, and recalling the trend of her thoughts for the past several minutes brought a flush of warmth to her cheeks. She'd been thinking, somewhat resentfully, as she went along the busy streets of the little town, how unfair it was that Christmas had come before she could get acquainted with someone in Davenport. Larry, Bryant, for instance, departmental head at the electric plant where she worked. Christmas wasn't Christmas unless it could be shared with someone.

And now Larry was standing at a dish counter deciding about a pair of little green rabbit salt and pepper shakers. It didn't matter particularly that he'd buy the shakers, but there was a slight chance of such an act—but she'd had her own heart set on them more or less for a week. Larry had been in the shop every afternoon that she'd been there, but this was his first time at the dish counter. The little shakers were as good as gone.

The other day when she'd looked at them, the sales girl had said, "Better buy them. These are the last ones. They're a bargain at eight dollars. They came all the way from Sweden."

"I know—" Nancy had said, but she had thought they'd be an extravagance and look out of place on the little table in her corner.



The other day when she'd looked at them, the sales girl had said, "Better buy them."

Brown and Neale Win Coach Awards

Paul Brown and Greasy Neale have been chosen all-pro coaches of the year.

Brown, who piloted the Cleveland Browns, was named "coach of the year" in the All-American Conference while Neale, mentor of the Philadelphia Eagles was given same recognition in the National Football League.

Rated as the most offensive minded coach in the game, has spent 40 years in football either as player or coach. His colorful career includes outfitting for the Reds in the famed 1919 World Series and coaching Washington and Jefferson football teams to a Rose Bowl birth in 1922.

Brown, who was declared too puny to make the football squad at Ohio State, is a 41-year-old coaching genius. He has moulded a championship team in all four years of conference play.

Kitchenette at Lil' Ransom's old restaurant house. Then there'd be no one to admire them—only herself.

"They might be gone the next time you come," the girl had said when Nancy left the counter.

But they'd been there the next time Nancy went back to the little gift shop. Every afternoon for a week they'd been there, as if awaiting for her to make up her mind to buy them.

Nancy held her breath as she watched Larry from a distance. For now she knew that if he didn't take the shakers, she'd buy them herself.

But even as Nancy watched, she saw him hand the shakers to a clerk.

She tried to push her disappointment aside and select an inexpensive little gift for one of her co-workers at the plant. Tomorrow was Christmas Eve, and the employees and officials of the plant had drawn names as part of a gift-giving program they'd planned to have about the huge, gayly decorated tree in the arched entrance.

Nancy dreaded the occasion, more so now than before. She greeted the day she'd left her home town to take a better job in Davenport. Why hadn't she waited until after Christmas to make the change?

When the time came the next day for the program, Nancy took the gift that was handed to her and slipped from the crowd. She wouldn't be missed, she thought bitterly, as she hurried from the building. Snow fell softly about the dark sky, and the ring of voices from the plant followed her in a kind of haunting sadness.

Inside her apartment she looked down at the gayly wrapped package in her hands through a blur of tears. It was the only Christmas gift she'd received, and it had been given only because someone had drawn her name.

She unwrapped the package, and suddenly the blur cleared to reveal the little green rabbit salt and pepper shakers with the long, saucy ears—one up and one limping down provocatively.

Her heart thumped in her throat. Larry had done her name. But she'd never gifts they were to exchange was not to go over twenty-five cents!

Lil' Ransom called up the stairs. "You're wanted on the phone, and it's a man."

Nancy placed the little shakers carefully on the table and turned to the door. The hint of "Silent Night" from Lil' Ransom's radio up the sweep of stairs, and Nancy found herself singing the words softly as she dashed down them, for she knew even before she heard his voice who was waiting for her on the telephone.

Christmas Trees Big Business

Believe it or not Christmas tree operations in Canada and U.S. is big business—a \$60 million business.

More than 25,000,000 trees are cut each year, with approximately 1,500,000 coming from natural forests and the rest from privately-owned lands.

Fir and balsams are the favorite types of all Christmas tree hunters, balsam being the most sought after because of its bushy branches and fragrant woody aroma.

When buying a tree it is wise to pick out one that has been freshly cut, the fresher it is the greener it will be and the more aromatic and safer against fire hazard.

Remember Christmas trees are thirsty and before you put it up in your household it is wise to see that

Paul Ronty Stars For Boston Bruins

A "Busy Bruin"—that is Paul Ronty—21-year-old centre of the Boston Bruins of the National Hockey League.

Acclaimed as one of the most promising stars in the major ice circuit, Ronty is doing a bang-up job for the Boston club this year. Canadian born of Finnish descent, Ronty came to the Bruins two years ago, but was declared not quite ready for the big time and although he saw some action under the big tent, he did most of his playing with the Bruins' farm club, the Hershey Bears.

Last year he contred a line with new-comer Johnny Pierson and Kenny Smith, picking up 20 goals and 29 assists for a season's total of 49 points. This season with the same combination he seems headed for even greater things. Line-mate Pierson is also doing quite well and is among the top scorers in the loop.

Foxx Suggests "Hall Of Fame" On WHEELS

A veteran of 22 years in big time baseball, Jimmy Foxx has suggested that baseball's "Hall of Fame" be put on wheels and taken on a nation-wide tour.

Claiming that "few people—maybe a few thousand"—visit baseball's shrine at Cooperstown, N.Y. during the year, Foxx said he believed that a roving caravan containing all the pieces of equipment used by the baseball immortals who gain Hall of Fame honor, would prove a tremendous value in stimulation of baseball interest throughout the country.

Foxx formerly played first base for Philadelphia Athletics and Boston Red Sox.

Hawaii Grid Star To Play At Frisco

Harry Kahuan, six-foot-four, 210-pound end of the University of Hawaii, has accepted an invitation to play for the western team in San Francisco's annual East-West Charity Football classic to be staged on New Year's Eve, Dec. 31.

It will mark the first time in history that a Hawaiian has performed in the classic. Proceeds of pital for Crippled Children. The game go to the Shriner's Hos-

Central Alberta Ice Loop Underway

Central Alberta Hockey League swung into action for the 1950 season Thursday, December 15th, with all six teams in the circuit in action.

All six clubs were in action again on Saturday, December 17th, with Wetaskiwin playing at Allx, Camrose at Ponoka, and Red Deer at Stettler.

The 60-game schedule closes February 9th, when the top four teams will meet in the playoffs for the league championship.

the trunk is diagonally cut and set in a bucket of water. If at all possible place a glass jar of water at the base of the tree during its entire stay in the house to keep it fresh.

It is always well to observe the standard precautions against fire. Avoid inflammable trimmings and keep bulbs from tinsel.

Keep the tree well away from radiators, fireplaces and candles.

Replace damaged light cords and check your electric decorations.

Don't be too sentimental. When the needles begin to dry and fall, face the facts. It's time to pack up the decorations for another year and remove the tree.

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The youngsters will be in action two nights a week, Tuesday and Friday.

Nine teams will be competing in the league this season and the loop has been divided into two sections, the East End Division and the West End Division.

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New Westminster Royals and San Francisco Shamrocks are dominating the early stages of the Pacific Coast Hockey League race. The Rocks setting the pace in the southern section of the circuit and the Royals front running the northern division.

Victoria, newest entry in the northern division of the Pacific Coast Hockey League, has done exceptionally well at the gate thus far, playing to a full house almost every time. The club, however, hasn't fared as well as the victory column.

Tacoma recently established a Pacific Coast Hockey League scoring record with a 13-2 victory over the Fresno Falcons.

New York Rangers of the National Hockey League hope to save 150,000 gallons of Gotham's scarce drinking water after each game played at Madison Square Garden. They intend thawing the rink after each game and pumping the water for refilling into a tank being placed in the Garden's basement. It takes approximately 6,000 gallons of water each game.

and the Rangers have 35 home contests. This move, they hope will help the city's current water shortage. New York's reservoirs are said to be about one-third full at present.

Dallas, Texas, has put in a bid for the annual championship tournament of the National Baseball Congress, requesting that it be held in Burnett Stadium for five years starting 1951. It has been held at Wichita, Kan., since 1935.

Golfers playing around the sporty nine-hole El Morro course at San Juan, Puerto Rico, have more than natural bunkers to overcome. One hole, a par three iron shot, must be played over a 100-foot-high Spanish moat, part of the ancient defences of San Juan. The green is "hidden" behind the moat and it takes a smart golfer to play this shot accurately. Caddies take vantage points on the moat to follow the flight of the golf ball.

Two Toronto Maple Leaf baseball hurlers finished one-two in the International Baseball League's earned run average during the 1949 season. They are Emory "Bubba" Church and John "Jocko" Thompson. Albert Joseph Widmar of the Baltimore Orioles finished in third position.

The Baltimore Board of Recreation and Parks has reversed its action of August 20 and renamed the city's new stadium, the Baltimore Memorial Stadium. It had previously named it the Bab Ruth Stadium.

Ray Lamanno, who caught for Syracuse Chiefs last year has been sold outright to Seattle Rainiers of the Pacific Coast League.

ODDS ON SPORT

Only 12 members of the Brooklyn Dodgers of 1949 were with the club when it faced the New York Yankees in the 1947 World Series.

Earl "Red" Blaik, Army football coach, is now in his ninth year and has held this post longer than any of his 22 predecessors.

Hal Saltzman, 24-year-old right hander who won 23 and lost 13 for Portland last season will do his playing with the Cleveland Indians next year. He was purchased recently in a player and cash deal.

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17. Share of the taste
18. After
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25. Mast
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28. Classify
29. Striped with cords
30. Chinese
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32. Solitude
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45. Fragment of pottery (var.)

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6.	Map	24. Having a protective coating	40. Roman
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8.	Vine of mowed family	27. Scott	
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Some Safety Rules For Holiday Season

It only takes a small amount of carelessness to turn the joyful Christmas season into a tragic event. The Christmas tree is the danger spot. There are a few simple precautions that will assure a safe and merry Christmas.

Never burn real candles on your tree.

Don't risk using frayed cords and broken plugs.

Avoid placing powerful lamp bulbs near fancy ornaments, synthetic materials, paper or cotton.

Don't go away and leave your tree lighted.

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Through hill and valley every breeze Had sunk to rest with folded wings; Keen was the air, but could not freeze.

Nor check the music of the strings; So stout and hardy were the band That scraped the chords with strenuous hand.

And who but listened? till was paid Respect to every inmate's claim; The greeting given, the music played In honor of each household name, Duly pronounced with lusty call, And "merry Christmas" wished to all!

—William Wordsworth.



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Donald Woods Signed For Crosby Picture

HOLLYWOOD—Donald Woods will join Bing Crosby and a top-line cast in "Mr. Music," Paramount's new film. Woods' 15th year in pictures and this is his first appearance at Paramount since "A Son Comes Home," with Mary Boland 12 years ago.

In recent years concentrating on radio, Woods plays the role of Richard Rhinelander in "My Friend Irma," the CBS show starring Marie Wilson.

In "Mr. Music" Woods continues his series of stuffy characterizations, being cast as Tippy Carpenter, scion of a diamond laden family. The cast also includes Ruth Hussey, Charles Coburn, Robert Stack, Nancy Olson, Dorothy Kirsten and Peggy Lee. Richard Haydn directs.

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Newcomer To Make
 Debut In 'Outrage'

HOLLYWOOD.—A 22-year-old Mexican youth who has never been in a motion picture, recently was given an important role in *Plane-Thomas' "Outrage"*. Paramount release about modern mob violence. He will share top roles with co-stars Gall Russell and Macdonald Carey.

The youth is Lalo Ríos, born in San Miguelito, Mexico. He was moved to Los Angeles in 1936 with his parents. Last year he joined a youth club and appeared in a historical play centred around the history of Los Angeles.

Joseph Losey, who is directing *"Outrage,"* saw the play and arranged for an interview with Producers Pine and Thomas. He was signed for the part without even a test.

A Nickel's
 Not Enough

CLAYTON, Mo.—In a divorce petition filed in Circuit Court here, Fred H. Becker, a machinist, alleged that his wife, Theresa, forced him to wash dishes, clean the house, mop the floors and wash his own clothes. In addition to having to do all the housework, Becker said his wife took all of his pay and gave him only a nickel a day for a cup of coffee.

'Christmas Music
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In almost every town and village in America this Christmas a church choir will render at least a portion of George Frideric Handel's the "Messiah." When carols sing "Joy to the World" they'll be singing part of the "Messiah" too, for that carol comes from themes found in the great oratorio. Handel also composed the musical themes of "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks."

It is a strange fact, but both Bach and Handel were born in 1685, lived for many years within thirty miles of each other, and never met. Yet today, the Christmas music they wrote is sung by men, women and children in countless churches of many faiths all over the world.

Flowers Are Part
 Of Yule Legends

There are several flowers appropriate during the Yule season which are mentioned in the legends of Christ by the legends of history. Sainfoin, or "Holy Hay," is said to have cradled the infant Christ in the manger. The snowdrop is the flower of the Virgin Mary, and is said to be the emblem of the candle she lighted on Christmas.

According to legend, the Christ Child was born in a stable and the shepherd maid wept at having no gift to lay before the Babe in the manger. Suddenly an angel appeared to her. On hearing why the maiden wept, the angel touched the ground where her tears had fallen and immediately the place was white with Christmas roses, which the herd gathered and laid in the manger.

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The chrysanthemum is said to have appeared first on Christmas Eve near the manger as a sign to the Wise Men that they had reached the spot where the star had bidden them. It'll be a hard one to keep because Mother used to have one. And she did. She pretends she is showing Ann how to put on the bonnet, but she's actually having a grand time playing. And once Father gets his hands on the train, or the auto that winds up, the boy can't get near them. It isn't fair. The children are crying for a little peace and freedom. After all, adults can play with toys for the next 364 days if they want to.

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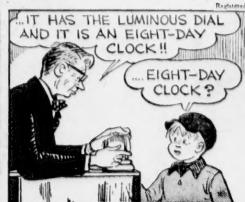
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Sister Beaupre's Condition Fair

ST. ALBERT. — Reports from the General hospital in Edmonton are that Rev. Sister Beaupre's condition is not much changed following her fall from a trolley bus earlier last week in Edmonton.

The 73 year old nun of the You-

ville Convent was seriously injured in her accident. Street railway said that while standing on the side door treadle she fell accidentally.

It is believed that she was partially dragged beneath the bus. She suffered a fractured left shoulder and other bruises and shock.

Motorman G. Oleschuk reported he did not know of the accident

until he heard screams from a passenger. He had stopped at 110 street, one block east, and was half way to the next stop at 112 street.

Sister Beaupre, who is in the Order of the Grey Nuns, was on her way to the General hospital in company with another sister, when the accident occurred.

have exploded at anytime and even in the home of this new tenant had he not been fortunate to come upon it in time.

Safety mechanisms in shells and bombs quickly corrode and often only a slight jar is sufficient to set them off, with disastrous results to those nearby.

Reports of death and injuries resulting from war weapon souvenirs are mounting steadily, thus the reason for this warning.

If you have one of these death-dealers, DON'T just throw it over the fence into the neighbor's yard, into a vacant lot or leave it in your home. Handle it with care and turn it over to the nearest police station or local bomb disposal or military officials.

But above all, be sure to remember to handle this weapon with care as rough handling is liable to explode the souvenir.

Fatal Accident Blamed On Excessive Drinking

MORINVILLE — An inquest in the Edmonton City Police Court last week found that excessive consumption of liquor contributed to the accident south of Morinville earlier this month in which the life of Arthur Farrow, 9914 105th Street, Edmonton, was taken.

The jury found that Norman Gowing, Morinville, now charged with manslaughter, was driver of a car which collided with Farrow's auto on December 7th.

Cause of death, jury found, was a fractured skull, broken ribs, hemorrhage of the chest cavity and bruised to the brain.

Occupants of the Gowing car testified that there were a number of blank spots where they "just couldn't remember a thing."

The accident occurred while Farrow was driving his three-year-old car into Edmonton and the others were returning to Morinville from St. Albert.

Evidence presented by Sgt. James Muir, RCMP, was that the auto driven by Gowing was weaving from side to side.

Dominion Amateur Boxing Association have announced that the 1950 Dominion boxing finals will

be staged in Lethbridge's new Civic Stadium next May.

The southern city was previously slated to be the scene of the provincial boxing finals but on accepting the Dominion title fights, they withdrew their application.

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Recently an Edmonton tenant moved into a new home and discovered a harmless looking war weapon in the premises. He turned it over to the local bomb disposal officials and it was exploded safely at Winterburn reserve. Bomb official report that it may

Lethbridge Scene Of Boxing Finals

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